



19th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

In the summer term, all Year 1 pupils are assessed on their ability to apply their phonetic knowledge to read words. This is carried out using the Phonic Screening Check, which consists of a mixture of 40 words; some real words and some made-up words. All the words are phonetically decodable. Due to lockdown, the children in Year 1 last year were unable to take the Check. Year 2 children are therefore now required to sit the Phonics Check during the second half of the Autumn term.

We have decided the Year 2 children will take part in the Check the week beginning the 30th November 2020. The Check is completed in a relaxed manner, and administered one to one with your child's own teacher in a comfortable and familiar place. In order to prepare children for this, Year 2 children are taking part in daily phonics sessions to recap sounds that should have been taught in Year 1. We would like to reassure you that we are doing all that we can to help each individual child to catchup on missed learning whilst striving to create a nurturing and caring environment within school, with wellbeing at the core. Information about the Phonics Check can be found on our school website under the Curriculum tab. If you require any further advice, then please do not hesitate to contact the Year 2 team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gemma Grainger'.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher